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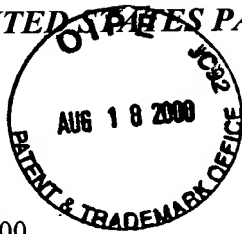
In re application of:

Kreiger, et al.

Serial No. 09/489,293

Filed: January 21, 2000

For: *HYDRODYNAMIC SPINDLE MOTOR
SEALING TECHNIQUE*



Art Unit: 2834

Atty. Docket No. A-67845/JAS

Palo Alto, California

DECLARATION OF JAMES A. SHERIDAN
AS TO FACTS THAT SUPPORT FILING AN APPLICATION
WITHOUT SIGNATURE OF CO-INVENTOR

This Declaration is made as to facts relied on to establish diligent effort to secure the signature of Dirk Krieger on the Oath/Declaration for the above referenced patent application. I, James A. Sheridan, a partner of the firm of Flehr Hohbach Test Albritton & Herbert having a business address of 850 Hansen Way, Suite 200, Palo Alto, California, hereby declare that:

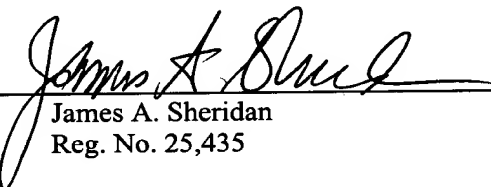
1. I am registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (Reg. No. 25,435) and I am assisting in the filing and prosecution of the above-named patent application.
2. At my direction, on June 5, 2000 a complete copy of the application as filed, together with a set of formal papers for signature, was transmitted from my office by facsimile (408-747-0375) to Inventor, Dirk Krieger at his place of employment. A complete copy of that facsimile transmission, including the cover sheet signed by the transmitting person, and the journal entry which indicates that the application, figures and formal papers were successfully transmitted and received, is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
5. On or shortly after June 5, 2000, after receiving the application by facsimile, Mr. Krieger called and told me that he was unwilling to sign the application.
6. Since my telephone conversation with Mr. Kreiger, I have made a number of additional telephone calls asking Mr. Krieger to sign the application, and reminding him of his contractual obligations to Seagate (now his former employer) to assist in the prosecution of the application. Mr. Krieger has refused to sign the formal papers.

7. On August 7, 2000, the date of execution of this Declaration, I again called Mr. Krieger and left him a message at his current place of employment, asking him to sign the Declaration and return it to me. Mr. Krieger has not returned my calls.

8. Mr. Krieger has had a number of opportunities over the last two months to return my phone calls or to otherwise cooperate in the filing and prosecution of this application. In leaving multiple phone messages for Mr. Krieger, I have each time asked him to cooperate in filing the application and reminded him of his obligations to his previous employer. Mr. Krieger has consistently refused to cooperate or to execute the Declaration and I have justifiably concluded that he will continue to refuse to do so.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true. I further declare that all statements made by me herein are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that any willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of any patent resulting therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,
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